

Amendment No. 1 to HB0753

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 503*

House Bill No. 753

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) For the purposes of providing services in a school setting pursuant to a child's individualized education program (IEP), the following healthcare providers licensed pursuant to this title may refer or order services within their scope of practice as part of a child's IEP:

(1) A physical therapist licensed under chapter 13 of this title may order or make a referral for physical therapy services for a child, and qualifies as a licensed practitioner of the healing arts for the purpose of 42 C.F.R. 440.110(a)(1);

(2) An occupational therapist licensed under chapter 13 of this title may order or make a referral for occupational therapy services for a child, and qualifies as a licensed practitioner of the healing arts for the purpose of 42 C.F.R. 440.110(b)(1);

(3) A speech-language pathologist licensed under chapter 17 of this title may order or make a referral for speech-language pathology services for a child, and qualifies as a licensed practitioner of the healing arts for the purpose of 42 C.F.R. 440.110(c)(1); and

(4) An audiologist licensed under chapter 17 of this title may order or make a referral for audiology services for a child, and qualifies as a licensed practitioner of the healing arts for the purpose of 42 C.F.R. 440.110(c)(1).

(b) An order or referral made in accordance with this section may be evidenced by the signature of the healthcare provider in the student's IEP provided that the child has been appropriately evaluated and assessed by the provider making the referral or order.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.